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Briefly

Rummage sale

Summerstage Inc., 451-1032, will hold a rummage sale Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Summerstage Playhouse, 2906 Pershing Blvd. The sale will include hundreds of books and other items.

Story session

The Granite City District Library invites children ages four and older to listen to Talei Po, a storyteller, at the branch library, 2145 Johnson Road, today at 2:30 p.m. She has performed at many events, including the St. Louis Storytelling Festival Under the Arch. Admission is by ticket only but free tickets are available at the branch library to Granite City Library cardholders.

Bible school

Third Baptist Church, 2601 Grand Ave., will hold a vacation Bible school July 12 through 14, 11:30 a.m. each day. Children age 4-11 are invited. There will be Bible stories, crafts, games and refreshments. For information, the number is 677-0040.

'Real world'

Today's opinion page, 4A, includes an editorial comment on local governmental bodies' spending policies as compared to "the real world"; a report on how the new "motor voter" registration law will affect Illinois; a study of the increasing volume of mail to Sen. Paul Simon; and a letter lamenting the likely loss of a major Granite City retail store.

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Deaths

Bessie Milton
Carissa Nance
John Pavlov Jr.
Edwin Reynolds
Albert Scrivner

Lottery

Results in Illinois were:
July 7: 5-7-9, Pick 4: 6-1-2-2
Little Lotto Game
4-16-21-30-35
Lotto Game
5-8-11-22-28-62
July 8: 6-4-2, Pick 4: 8-1-8-2
July 5: 3-4-2, Pick 4: 6-6-2-2
Little Lotto Game
02-05-08-15-29
July 4: 7-2-7, Pick 4: 4-6-9-2
July 3: 9-7-4, Pick 4: 8-4-1-7
Lotto Game
22-32-37-39-45-51
No one matched all six numbers.
169 matched 5, for \$2,411.
9,728 matched 4, for \$83.50.

75 years ago

July 12, 1918
Every brewery in St. Louis and most breweries in the United States will be closed within two months, while 10,000 men will be put out of work. The cause of the closures is the exhaustion of supply, which means the sale of beverages in saloons will be restricted to distilled liquors, wines, and soft drinks.

Trivia

How many cases of O'Doul's did Anheuser-Busch send to the Persian Gulf during Desert Storm?
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Granite City Mayor Ron Selph, left, and Congressman Jerry Costello talk with home owner Norma Kinder, whose back yard is sinking due to a collapsed sewer line.

Sewer break threatens home

By Bob Slate

Staff writer

Norma Kinder is afraid her one-story brick ranch home may soon be swept away.

From the street, Kinder's property in the 2600 block of Waterman Avenue in Granite City appears to be as nice — and immaculately kept — as other homes in the area.

But hidden away behind her six-foot-high wooden privacy fence, Kinder has a sink hole in her back yard that is about four feet deep by 35 feet in diameter.

The hole, caused by a sanitary-sewer break, has already sucked down several sections of her fence, is widening across her back yard and appears ready to swallow her home.

The city is currently bypass-pumping around the break in an effort to prevent further erosion.

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello visited Kinder's home Tuesday afternoon on a week-long tour of his congressional district, inspecting damage caused by flooding and other problems associated with the unusually high water table in the area.

(Staff photo by PAM DORFKE-HURD)

Costello inspected three of Granite City's 14 sewer breaks Tuesday afternoon. That morning, he had visited Cahokia, where 24 breaks have been identified.

Cities like Granite City and the village of Cahokia obviously don't have the funds to take care of these problems that are out of their control.

"If (cities) do not get some kind of disaster relief ... that's why the federal government has these funds," Costello said.

President Bill Clinton has proposed (See HOME, Page 2A)

Madison tax plan advances

Public hearing Tuesday on reinstating utility tax

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Madison residents will get a chance to voice their opinions on a proposal to reinstate the city's utility tax on water and telephone service.

A public hearing on the proposed taxes will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Madison Recreation Center, Seventh Street and Lee Avenue. The City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to put three ordinances reinstating the taxes on first reading.

The ordinances place a tax of an unspecified percentage on water, intrastate telephone service and interstate telephone service. By law, the maximum percentage of each tax is 5 percent.

City Attorney Casper Nighohossian said that, based on figures provided by Illinois-American Water Co., at 5 percent the tax on water would bring in approximately \$5,890 a quarter.

He added that, based on figures from Illinois Bell, at 5 percent the tax on intrastate (local) telephone service would bring in about \$2,940 a quarter.

Nighohossian said no figures were available from the long-distance carriers serving Madison.

He said the tax applied to the successor of Southwestern Cable Co. could bring in "a significant amount" of money, but he was unsure exactly how much.

Alderman Eleanor Armour asked if there could be some

assurance that, once the tax was in place, the city would recall all four of its laid-off street department employees.

Mayor John Bellico said there could be no such assurance until the city saw how much money it was actually getting.

Alderman John Haman asked if the revenue would be earmarked for that purpose.

Nighohossian said the money cannot be earmarked and must be paid to the general fund.

"It's up to us, the aldermen, to make sure where the money goes," said Alderman Ron Grzywacz, chairman of the Street and Alley Committee. "That's what I want (the revenue) to go for, but it's up to us to make sure that's how it's spent."

Alderman Mike Vrabecek asked if the tax could be made temporary.

Nighohossian said the current financial situation of the city and the projected loss of the revenue from the state income tax surcharge would indicate that the city will continue to need the additional revenue "through the foreseeable future."

"It may be possible to reduce the tax somewhere down the road, but I don't think it would be fair to call it temporary," he said.



Bellico

Shipley new alderman

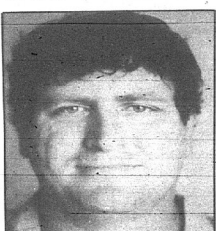
Bob Shipley was appointed this week as a 3rd Ward alderman in Granite City to fill the vacancy created last month when Alderman Paul Fisk resigned.

Shipley, 37, is a general foreman at Taracorp Industries and is a lifelong resident of the city.

He and his wife, Margaret, a nurse at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, live in the 2400 block of Hodges Avenue in East Granite with their three children, Luke, 7, Beth, 5, and Kari, 1.

Mayor Ron Selph announced the appointment Tuesday night. The City Council confirmed the appointment by a 10-2 vote.

Aldermen Dan Partney and Casmer Skubish voted against the nomination. They said that the city — which already had 14 aldermen as required by statute before the addition of Shipley could save about \$14,000 over the



Bob Shipley

next two years by leaving the seat vacant.

Juanita Crawley is an "at large" alderman under a redistricting plan adopted by the City Council last year, but resides in the 3rd Ward.

Crawley and Alderman Jim Mitze were absent from the meeting Tuesday.

Upgrading at steel foundry will highlight its 100th year

By Bob Slate

Staff writer

American Steel Foundries in Granite City will celebrate its 100th birthday in style next year.

The Niedringhaus Avenue plant opened in 1894. By the fall of 1994, American Steel will have completed a more than \$9 million upgrade to the facility.

The upgrading will allow the company to expand its product line, double its production and employ as many as 1,200 workers, Works Manager Bill Donovan told the City Council on Tuesday night.

The plant, which makes the side frames and bolsters for railroad cars, was built by the company's early this year after temporarily

closing in July 1991.

A new molding machine and sand system is currently being installed at the facility, allowing the Granite City plant to produce the full line of American Steel products, including couplers, housings, fifth wheels for over-the-road trucks, and shock absorbers, said Corporate Purchasing Director John Worles.

The Granite City plant has had an up-and-down history, mainly due to large fluctuations in the market and the fact that the facility here supplemented production at foundries in Alliance, Ohio, and Indiana Harbor, Ind.

But with the new equipment, the Granite City plant will become American Steel's primary operation center, Worles said. If the market allows, a second

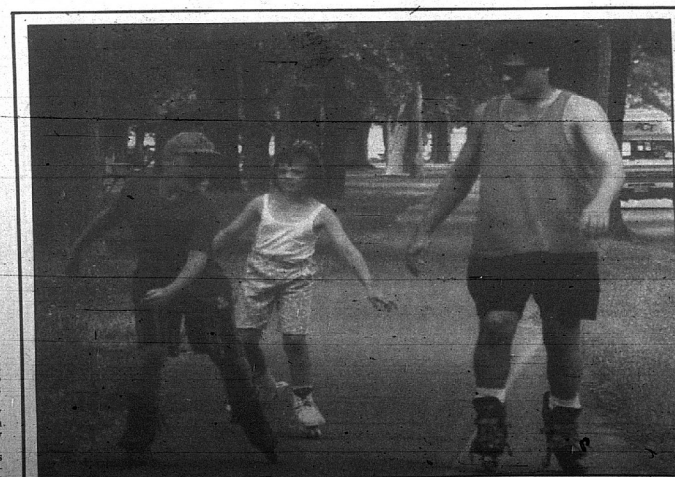
new molding machine may be added, he said.

At the height of its operations in 1979-80, the foundry employed 1,850 workers and was the largest maker of railroad trucks (wheel assembly structures) in the United States.

The foundry closed in November 1982, and remained closed until February 1989. Operations resumed in June of that year.

A second shift, with 200 additional employees, was added in September 1990.

City and state officials have offered Amsted Industries Inc., American Steel's parent company, incentives to upgrade the facility here. For example, the city will create a tax increment finance district on the property.



(Staff photo by PAM DORFKE-HURD)

Park skaters — From left, Justin, 10, Nikki, 8, and their father, Joseph King, enjoy a summer day at Wilson Park by skating along the paved path around the park.

Book looks at area slayings

By Laura Telander
Staff writer

Few people in this world can look into the eyes of a suspected murderer and show no fear. Alvin Busch is one of those people.

The 45-year-old investigator for the Bureau of Crime Scene Services of the Illinois State Police has handled close to 500 cases in his 16 years with the bureau. And there's a story behind every one of them.

Recently, Busch decided to document one of the stories in a book. His first endeavor, *Deadly Deception*, a non-fiction account of the September 1989 murder of a Belleville wife and child by Dale Anderson, a former Public Aid office worker and aspiring police officer. Anderson was convicted in April of 1990.

The book also documents connections between Anderson and the murder of Audrey Cardenas in June 1988 — one year before the killing of JoLaine and Kenneth Lauman.

Busch said he needed to include information about the murder of Cardenas, who was an intern at the Belleville News-Democrat, because Anderson had gathered information about the case and appeared to be obsessed with the murder.

Busch thoroughly researched the Lauman murders before writing the book, but would not disclose whether he thought Anderson committed the Cardenas murder.

"I'll let the reader make their own conclusion," said Busch, who won't write about a case until it has been adjudicated. The fact that the book was released during the anniversary week of the Cardenas' murder is a coincidence, he said.

Busch started writing real-crime stories for magazines in 1985 after someone wrote a story about a case he worked on. "I thought it might be fun to give coppers credit for what they do," he said.

Busch didn't plan to be a police officer. In fact, it was almost a fluke, he said.

After returning from Vietnam, Busch worked odd jobs and enrolled in some classes, but the only courses that would fit into his schedule were in the law enforcement department.

Busch worked for the Collinsville Police Department and the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southern Illinois before going to work for the bureau.

"I enjoy the work that I do," he said. "I find it fascinating. I like dealing with the criminal mind."

But the Anderson case was one of the most difficult, he admitted.

"The whole time I was with him, he reeked of evil," he said. "But he got too involved in the game with me and ended up losing."

Busch said experience has been his greatest asset in dealing with people.

"I grew up on the streets and about anyone," he said.

"Sometimes coppers, when they go to do interviews, they forget that the people they are talking to are people and that people are people."

The veteran investigator plans to continue his work with the bureau as well as his literary efforts. Busch has begun writing a second book but would not reveal any of the details.

"It's about a murder," he said.

If you would like to meet Alvin Busch, he will be signing copies of the book from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on July 17 at B. Dalton Books in St. Clair Square. He also will appear from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on July 18 at Brentano's in the Galleria.

MADD to donate videocameras

Mothers Against Drunk Driving-Illinois and The Allstate Foundation have joined in donating \$10,000 worth of videocameras in hopes of getting more drunk drivers off the road. Secretary of State George H. Ryan said.

The donation will provide Secretary of State police with nine additional videocameras that can be used to record DUI stops and arrests around the state.

"Videotape has become one of the most effective tools we can use to enforce drunk driving laws," Ryan said. "For drunk drivers, watching their arrest on tape is a sobering experience, and most of them end up pleading guilty."

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Granite City Mayor Ron Selph, left, and Congressman Jerry Costello inspect one of the sewer breaks in Granite City on Tuesday. This one is on the shoulder of Highway 3 and goes under the highway.

Home

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posed a \$1.2 million package for relief from disasters associated with the high water level, and Costello said he will lobby next week for this area to get its share of those funds.

While Costello said he is "optimistic" that the cities will get some relief for sewer repairs, the disaster funds must be shared with farmers whose crops have been ruined and others who have sustained damage because of flooding, such as the residents of West Alton, Mo., where hundreds of families have been forced from their homes.

If no disaster funds are allocated, the city could apply for low-interest loans through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency or could borrow the money or float a bond issue, Costello said.

Granite City Mayor Ron Selph said a "conservative" estimate of the cost to repair all 14 breaks is about \$640,000, and both he and Costello expect the situation to get worse as the water table rises this week.

As bad as Kinder's problem may be, Selph had the unenviable job Tuesday to tell her that it is third on the city's priority list at this time.

"We are about to lose Denver

Street and Route 3. Our first priority has to be saving the streets and highways," Selph said.

Selph and Costello also inspected those two sites Tuesday.

The sink hole on Denver is located about 100 feet from a sewer break in the same line that the city repaired last month.

The hole on Highway 3 is visible on the shoulder of the south-bound lanes, about 400 feet south of the main entrance to the Charles Melvin Price U.S. Army Support Center.

While Selph said the Illinois Department of Transportation filled the Highway 3 hole with gravel Friday, the area had sunk another four feet by Tuesday afternoon.

The City Council voted Tuesday night to approve expenditure of up to \$125,000 for the repair of the two lines.

Costello asked Selph to send him a projection of the cost to repair all 14 breaks so that he can pass the information along to the Clinton administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The council has hired the Juneau and Associates engineering firm to prepare the report. Authorities in Cahokia are preparing a similar report, Costello said.

DUI repeaters targeted by new law

SPRINGFIELD — A law effective July 1 will take away the licenses of repeat drunken drivers.

Passed by the Legislature last year, the aggravated DUI (driving under the influence of alcohol) law applies to people who have had three or more DUI convictions or have caused great bodily harm in an alcohol-related accident or have been convicted of driving a school bus while intoxicated.

Such offenses can mean one to three years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Judges can allow probation with the loss of license.

The new law requires at least 48 hours in jail or 30 days of community service for those receiving probation.

"This says that a judge cannot set anything less than this," Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said.

"A good deal of them get probation but they also have a felony conviction."

Haine said the law is a move in the right direction, but added that he would like to see it also applied in reckless homicide cases where someone has been killed by a drunken driver.

Such cases carry sentences of three to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. The new law doesn't apply to those cases.

Security boost

Sheriff assigns 4th deputy to courthouse

Madison County Sheriff Bob Churchich is following through on promises to boost security at the County Courthouse in Edwardsville but is temporarily putting the cuffs on a proposal for higher court fees.

"The complement (of deputies patrolling the courthouse) is up to what the judges wanted it to be," Churchich said.

A fourth deputy has been added to the security detail to prevent violence such as the assault in St. Louis County last year when a man killed his wife and wounded several lawyers and courthouse workers.

In the wake of that shooting, Churchich asked the County Board for permission to spend another \$35,000 from the courthouse security fund to add a deputy to the detail.

The courthouse security fund is made up of fees paid by people filing civil lawsuits and individuals convicted of felonies and misdemeanors.

The County Board approved the sheriff's request last fall, but six months later Churchich still had not increased the security patrols, saying there was not enough money in the fund to pay an additional salary.

The fund has a surplus of \$155,000, but the sheriff argued that the surplus would run out after a few years, leaving him without money to continue paying the fourth deputy.

Last month, the sheriff said he would not add a deputy to the courthouse detail until the chief judge agreed to raise court fees. On Friday, however, Churchich said he would use the surplus until he can convince Chief Circuit Judge Edward Ferguson to increase court fees.

"We won't have to raise the court fees right now. We have enough in (surplus) to pay him," Churchich said.

Over the last four years, the court security fund brought in \$527,000, of which \$384,000 was

spent on salaries and other security measures.

Court fees in Madison County were raised in January 1992 by order of the legislature, when the cost of filing civil suits seeking damages of more than \$15,000 increased from \$58 to \$172.

The fees paid by convicted felons doubled from \$40 to \$80, while the fees for misdemeanors and petty offenses went from \$25 to \$50.

The sheriff has said the courthouse needs beefed-up patrols since renovations resulted in three additional courtrooms.

Access to the second floor, where most hearings take place, has been restricted to control the flow of people in and out.

In addition, metal detectors are on the second-floor landing to prevent people from bringing in weapons.

From the Alton Telegraph

Four are charged with felonies

Four area residents have been named in felony warrants issued by Madison County State's Attorney William Haine.

Alfred E. Way, 30, of the 2200 block of Grand Avenue in Granite City, was charged with robbery. Granite City police allege that Way took \$70 from a Granite City woman after threatening use of force on June 25. Bond was set at \$100,000.

Karen D. Warrens, 23, of Greentown in Madison, was charged with three counts of retail theft of under \$150 value. Warrens took merchandise from Woolworth's, Fashion Gal and Dollar General Store, all in Granite City, on June 29. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Jose A. Briagasi, 32, of the 1900 block of Benton Street in Granite City, was charged with driving

while his license is revoked and driving under the influence of alcohol. Granite City police allege that Briagasi was driving his 1976 Chevrolet pickup truck at 15th and State streets on June 18 when the offenses occurred. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Steve L. Houston, 39, of the

2900 block of Herbert Street in Granite City, was charged with driving while his license is revoked. Granite City police allege that Houston was driving at Nameoki Road and East 23rd Street on June 8 without a valid driver's license. Bond was set at \$10,000.

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PET OF THE WEEK

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

Sometimes an individual contemplating bankruptcy will contact this office and inquire about transferring some of his property prior to filing the bankruptcy petition. In many of these cases, the debtor hopes to protect his property from the bankruptcy trustee through such a transfer. For instance, a person intending to file bankruptcy may wish to transfer monies or personal property to a relative, so that the trustee cannot seize these assets.

The question in these cases is whether such a transfer of property constitutes an "avoidable preferential transfer" that can be reclaimed by the trustee. Federal bankruptcy law provides that a trustee may avoid any transfer of an interest of the debtor in property made within 90 days before the date of the filing of the bankruptcy petition or up to one year before the date of the filing of the petition if the person to whom the property was transferred was "an insider."

In one recent case, a Federal District Court affirmed the order of a Bankruptcy Court that Crystal Evangelical Free Church in suburban Minneapolis must refund \$13,450 in donations given by a member who declared bankruptcy. The case arose when a church member's elec-

trical contracting business failed. During the period preceding the bankruptcy filing, the family depleted personal assets to pay business creditors but continued a longstanding practice of tithing, or giving 10% of personal income to the church.

A Federal District Court Judge Harry McLaughlin ruled that the money had to be returned because it was a "fraudulent transfer," a donation for which no value was received. The court held that requiring the return of the funds would not interfere with the constitutional rights of the family to practice their faith.

The church intends to appeal the decision. The pastor stated, "This decision affects every church and charitable organization. It gives the court the ability to demand that any donation made the entire year before a bankruptcy be returned by the church or charity." Thus the District Court viewed this tithing to the church as a preference transfer of property and therefore allowed the trustee to reclaim the property for distribution to all creditors. Time will tell as to whether or not this decision will stand.

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'We're letting the water win'

WEST ALTON, Mo. — Residents and disaster workers were watching the flooding Mississippi River on Wednesday and waiting for the inevitable.

"We'll just stay and let it come," Greg Hughes of West Alton said, a day after officials ordered the town's evacuation as predicted crests were revised upward.

"We're still above water, but we don't know for how long," Hughes said today.

The Mississippi River stood at 32.1 feet at Alton, 11 feet above flood stage, but the revised crest of 35.5 feet Tuesday would leave the river just a foot shy of the record 1973 flood.

"When the levee goes, it goes. There's nothing you can do in a situation like this," Ray Machens of the Consolidated North County Levee District said. Machens called six sandbags about noon Tuesday, giving up the battle to keep floodwaters out of 100 West Alton homes and away from up to 15,000 acres of thriving soybeans and corn in the surrounding fields.

About 75 percent of the residents began moving out when the St. Charles County, Mo., Emergency Management Agency issued its 24-hour evacuation order.

"We'll let nature take its course at this point," Machens said.

"It may be five hours and it may be 48 hours," his son, Gary Machens, said.

The water will start running over the top before it breaks through, and Machens said the additional 3 feet of floodwater expected will be too much for the levee.

The news was disappointing to hundreds of volunteers and the Missouri Air National Guard, weary from stacking sandbags and keeping away sightseers.

"We were doing all this work trying to stop the water, and it was like we were giving up," Darren Grunwaldt, 16, of West Alton, said. "We're letting the water win."

Meanwhile, Emergency Management officials were calling for help from ham radio operators who are asked to call (314) 949-2023 to volunteer.

Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan said he would ask for federal aid after touring flood sites Tuesday, including West Alton.

Heavy rains in northern Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa and more on the way have boosted the National Weather Service's predicted crest at Alton to 35.5 feet by Tuesday, a foot below the 1973 record level of 36.7.

Missouri Highway 94 through West Alton has disappeared north of the Machens levee, where water lapped at the ceilings of homes on Clubhouse Row.

Gurgling leaks called hot spots dotted the three-mile embankment. The river was within two feet of the levee's top at several points and rising.

"With 2 feet added to the crest yesterday and two more coming, that'll put the water over the levee. We're wasting our time," Ray Machens said after deciding to call off sandbagging efforts.

"If this levee goes, it'll go through town and all the way to the Missouri River," Urban Teder of West Alton said. He's seen what the river can do before. Teder said he helped fight the 1973 flood.

"Three feet will put it over everything we've got here," he said, waving an arm across the farms and clustered houses.

He said a breach of the levee this year would put water into his garage but maybe not his house.

Neighbors have taken the precaution of driving lawn mowers and backhoes to high ground and stacking household items on porches and garage roofs.

"We tried to put everything up as high as we could," Kate Mitchell, owner of the West Alton Market who lives in a mobile home next to the store, said. "Basically, no one is left in town except the sandbaggers."

She put her bedroom furniture up on blocks and lined up a "fridge to stand by with a boat." "If it goes, we'll have a half hour to 45 minutes to get out," she said.

Despite the predictions, Dale Fields said he plans to stay put. He has a stock of food, a boat, and a plan to roll up the carpet to keep it dry. "I'm not leaving. Nothing runs me off the river," he said.

Geniece Hughes was also prepared. The family has been living with lawn chairs, coolers and a lot of outside activities.

"It's been like camping out. We moved all the furniture out and have been living like pioneers," she said.

— From the Alton Telegraph



Rifle practice — Members of the rifle squad of Granite City High School practice in Wilson Park. From left are Nikki Raynor, Kellie Brees and Beth Noe, captain.

SIUE annexation opposed

Fifty protest Edwardsville proposal

Angry Poag area residents are trying to keep the proposed annexation of the Olympic Festival Stadium site from getting out of the starting block.

More than 50 rural neighbors crammed Tuesday's special meeting of the Edwardsville Zoning Board of Appeals to express outrage at the proposed annexation and zoning of the stadium site on Bluff Road and a 300-foot wide strip on the western boundary of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The protests resulted in a tie vote by the Zoning Board and postponed a recommendation to the City Council.

Zoning Board Chairman I.W. Davis said board member Charles Schmidt, who is in the hospital, would cast the deciding vote, but another quarrel arose over whether another meeting is necessary to record the vote.

Davis claimed it is legal to take the vote over the telephone, but the protesters said it would not be.

Before that controversy, a dozen residents pleaded with the board not to allow the city to annex the strip, which would serve as a land bridge for future annexations to the west.

Residents said they do not want the city encroaching on their property and are concerned that zoning the stadium area into a service business and wholesale area will invite industry and reduce quality of life and property values.

Resident Terry Borth said, "We moved out there to get out of the city. We don't have sewers; we don't care to have your sewers. We don't want any part of the City of Edwardsville. We are opposed to this. We will continue to stand our ground."

In addition to the new zoning, the board has also been asked by SIUE to approve a special permit to allow the July 1994 Olympiad Festival events.

The 300-foot wide strip, which is unrelated to the festival, would be zoned agricultural.

Mike Campbell called the hearing a "facade" and drew applause when he said, "I've spoken to no one who wishes to join the city of Edwardsville. Put the brush fire out before it becomes a forest fire. We don't want you down there."

Melode Schienschang said she had a list of 101 residents who live in the Sand Road-Poag area who oppose the annexation and further development.

Vicky Walton said industrial development would aggravate her children's asthma. "We do not want extra traffic, we do not want wildlife run out or artifacts removed," she said. "I don't want an increase in taxes, sewer or water bills. All of our property values will be going through the toilet straight through the City of Edwardsville sewers."

Temper flared once the meeting was closed to public comment, but questions and heckling continued. Davis pounded his gavel several times and finally said he'd heard enough.

Board member Donald Wallace reminded residents that the hearing was solely for two parcels of university property, not for the entire area. "This doesn't pertain to your 10 acres, or anyone else's 10 acres, just the 300-foot strip (and stadium area)."

Zoning board member Suzanne Nelson rebuked hecklers. "You're turning it into a circus, and that's not what we're trying to do."

Board member Tony Giardina questioned whether the board couldn't zone the stadium site as residential or agricultural then issue the special permit for the festival.

But Paul McNamara, the city's director of development administration, said he did not think that was allowable. The board then tied 3-3 in a vote on the zoning of the two areas, with Giardina, Nelson and Charles

McCaskey voting no and Davis, Wallace and Charles Tosovsky voting in favor.

Davis said Schmidt would review audio and video tapes of the hearing and cast the deciding vote. He said he did not know when he would give Schmidt the tapes.

The board members then voted to delay deciding on the special permit until the zoning issue is settled.

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New signals are going into operation today

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River towns swamped

KAMPSVILLE — Louis Hazelwood watched water pour into his remodeled Kampsville Inn for the second time since April.

"I spent \$100,000 to rebuild the inn after the spring flood," he said. "The river is flooding me out again. It's heartbreaking."

The raging Illinois River forced 25 part-time and full-time employees out of work at the flooded inn beside the Kampsville Ferry.

"When the flood shuts us down, it cuts off paychecks to a lot of families," Hazelwood said. "The Illinois and Mississippi rivers are racing into towns from Mazon to Cahoon County to Alton."

The river rose a foot to 32.1 feet, 11 feet above flood stage, in the last 24 hours at Melvin Price Lock and Dam.

"We're looking for a crest of 35.5 feet on July 13, the highest to the record 36.7 feet in 1973," said Rich Mills of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

At Grafton, the Mississippi and Illinois rivers hit 29.4 feet this morning, 11 feet above flood stage. Mills said they're expecting a crest of 32 feet on July 13, about a foot lower than the record 33.2 feet in '73."

Downtown Alton business owners are keeping an eye out for floodwater seeping into basements.

Employees of The Frontier Furnishings Co. are moving merchandise out of the basement at 101 W. Third St., owner Ed Benz said.

"We're open, but we're moving chairs and tables to dry storage."

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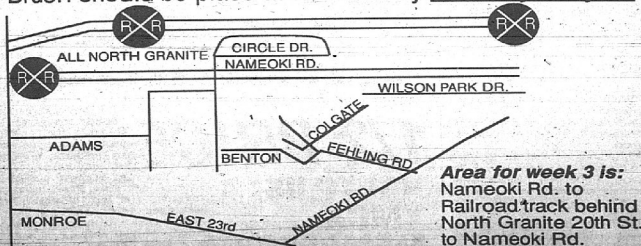
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Opinion

Editorials

Time to join the real world

The former Venice Township highway commissioner gave his part-time employees 30 days of paid vacation a year. That's nice work if you can get it. Really nice work. But the rest of us — workers in the real world — can't get that kind of deal even if we were represented by the strongest labor negotiator in the known universe and the management side of the table was asleep.

A Granite City alderman recently said it is time for city employees to realize they are going to have to join the real world. We believe this is true, not just for Granite City employees, but for government employees throughout this area.

While the former part-time highway workers' vacations are unquestionably an extreme — and, as a result, probably unfair — example, there is little doubt that local government has not been as economy-minded as its counterparts in the private sector.

In Venice, for example, the mayor recently admitted that the McKinley Bridge hatters in the real world — could not be justified. A drop in revenue at the bridge has brought that practice to a halt.

In Madison, the city pays the full cost for health insurance for employees and their families, a practice that is all but nonexistent outside government. Granite City and Venice have both had problems with employees who have failed to get a commercial driver's license and therefore are not able — or at least should not be able — to operate city vehicles.

The vast majority of the employees of local cities and townships are working hard at essential jobs. Each of them deserves a fair wage and reasonable benefits. The employees cannot be blamed for accepting everything that's handed to them.

But it is our money the elected officials are spending when these things are handed out. We who have suffered the consequences of fiscal reality have a right to expect that government works as hard for our money as we do.

Featherbedding, total health coverage and keeping workers who lack basic qualifications are practices that have disappeared from business and industry. It's time they disappear from government as well.

Local government employees must be brought into the real world even if it means the elected officials who must do it have to be dragged kicking and screaming along with them.

New voter registration law may require statewide list

(By Bernard Schoenberg of Copley News Service)

The new "motor voter" law signed recently by President Bill Clinton could cost millions of dollars to implement in Illinois and may cause service delays at some state facilities, officials said.

But advocates say the measure will make it easier to register to vote and get involved in the political system.

The law, to take effect Jan. 1, 1995, requires states to allow registration by mail, as well as when citizens apply for or renew a driver's license, visit a welfare or other government agency or stop by a military recruiting office.

"Voting is an empty promise unless people vote," Clinton said at the White House signing ceremony. "Now, there is no longer the excuse of the difficulty of registration."

Roughly 65 percent of eligible Americans are registered to vote. Supporters of the law predict the number will top 90 percent in a few years because of easier registration.

Last fall, the Illinois State Board of Elections reported that 77.7 percent of the state's 8.6 million eligible citizens were registered. Democrats have generally advocated the law, while many Republicans have opposed it.

State Sen. Gary LaPaille, D-Chicago, the Democratic Party's state chairman, said he thinks the law will make it easier for middle-income, blue-collar, minority and young people to vote — and in 1992 those groups went mostly Democratic.

He said the failure of the GOP presidents to support the bill shows that Democrats will likely benefit.

LaPaille also said political parties could save money and time because they might not have to develop such massive voter registration drives on their own.

Republican Secretary of State George Ryan said there is a concern that vote fraud could increase, but "we plan to follow the letter of the law and implement it."

He also said he didn't view the measure as "a particularly heavy partisan issue," and it will merely make registration easier. Republicans probably will have to add staff and computer equipment.

There are 131 vehicle services offices in the state, including the one in Granite City, and they served 1.7 million people last year.

It has been his policy to have deputy voter registrars in the offices since 1980. Ryan added, and 40,000 people became registered voters at those offices last year.

As for the new requirements, Ryan said, "We're not prepared at this point to tell you what it's going to cost, but I would guess it's going to be in the millions."

He said there would be a "distinct possibility" that there may be longer lines at some offices.

Ryan said the bill could have been worse — with some potential tasks for his offices removed before final passage by Congress.

But because the law will allow any Illinois resident to register to vote at any vehicle services office, Ryan said, he thinks some sort of statewide central list of voters should be compiled.

Currently, people must register in their own election jurisdiction or with deputy registrars from that jurisdiction.

Daniel White, director of the Chicago office of the state elections board, said a past estimate showed that a statewide network of computers to link registration points to the 131 election authorities in the state — including county clerk offices and city election commissions — would cost at least \$30 million.

"We'll just try to implement it as best we can" if the money isn't there, he said.

The state elections panel set up an advisory committee to develop a response to the motor voter bill, and an initial meeting was held in March.

White said work of the group should be completed by the fall.

"This has been anticipated for a long time," White said.

Craig Roberts, a Ryan aide chairing one subcommittee of the elections advisory panel, said there has been some thought to link secretary of state's offices by computer for at least the largest counties.

Ryan said he anticipated that any enabling legislation needed in Illinois could be considered next spring.

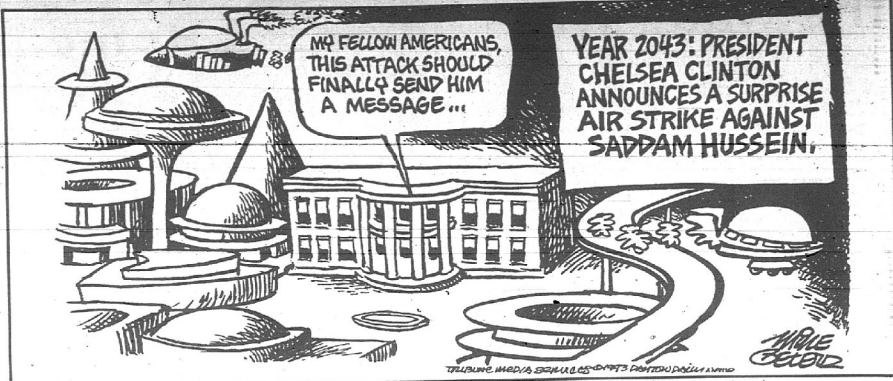
One lawmaker who said she'll be careful on such legislation is Sen. Karen Haas, R-Springfield.

"Everyone knows that Illinois is famous for voter fraud," she said, and that is a concern, as well as the cost.

Fred Spier, director of the elections board for Sangamon County, said duplicate registrations could be a problem, especially because the new bill doesn't allow purging of names from voting rolls just because the person hasn't voted for a long time.

Spier also said it may be very difficult for registrars across the state to place residents of rural routes in the correct precinct. That's sometimes hard for his office to determine when dealing with Sangamon County residents, he said.

Some officials added that the new law may not yield long-term increases in voter turnout, even if registration goes up.



Mail to Sen. Simon has doubled in volume

By Robert Estill of Copley News Service

Mountains of mail amassing in the office of Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., are evidence that public interest in the government and its policies is increasing.

Simon's office used to get about 1,000 letters and postcards daily. This year, the mail volume has steadily increased to the point that it now totals about 2,000 missives daily.

The mail has stacked up so fast that most of Simon's staff worked until about 10:30 p.m. one day just opening letters.

Simon suggests the mail increase may stem from last fall's presidential campaign, when the three presidential candidates appeared on call-in shows and generally were more available to the public, as well

Our guest

as to some controversial proposals from the new president.

The top issues in Simon's mail recently were the president's budget; waste in government spending; the Freedom of Choice Act that would write into law a woman's right to an abortion; and homosexuals in the military.

Those opposing part or all of Clinton's economic proposals outnumber supporters about 2-to-1, according to David Carle, Simon's press secretary.

But he said many letter-writers oppose only one segment, such as Clinton's proposed tax increases. And some are in the vein of a Joliet writer who urged

"cut spending first."

There is a clearer division on homosexuals in the military, with those who favor lifting the ban outnumbering opponents about 4-to-1, Carle said.

Among the opponents is a World War II veteran from Springfield who wrote that openly authorizing the recruitment of homosexuals "strikes at the very things which comprise the core of combat efficiency — high morale and discipline."

Another Springfield man argued that opposition to homosexuals in the military is based not on substance but on emotion and social or religious orientation.

"The entire issue looks exactly the same to me at this point as the racism issue did during the Korean War," wrote the officer, who described himself as a "het-

erosexual combat veteran."

"We are told that today's military personnel are highly disciplined," he continued. "Yet, they are described as unable to set aside their perceptions and to depend upon (homosexuals) as part of the team. That's what was said about blacks."

"We are told that homosexuals have a different culture. That's what was said about blacks, too. In fact, neither group has a singular culture."

While some of the opponents of homosexuals in the military cite religious convictions, a Waukegan pastor wrote that efforts to continue the ban are "blatant examples of homophobia" that are "not acceptable in our society nor in the church."

Simon promises that all writers will get a response, but it will be a little longer than usual.

Letters

Tips when hiring firm for repairs

TO THE EDITOR: Summertime is here and many of us are getting much-needed repairs done to our home, repairs that we have been putting off.

And more and more, every day, people are getting "ripped off" by so-called "contractors." They take your money and never show up to do the job. Or, they take the money and start the job, and never finish.

Most of the time, the "contractors" have already left town, never to return again. Your money is gone, and the job never is done.

Yes, some may complete the job; it may look nice, but is it going to last or is it going to be a year and be safe? And did it really need to be done?

There are a few tips I would like to share with you on hiring the right contractor for your job.

Some contractors spend a lot of money just to become legitimate, while others just do the job without actually being a legitimate business.

Following are tips and guideline to follow when hiring a contractor to do your job.

Does the contractor have a business license issued by the state? The contractor is doing work in? You have the right to ask them for a copy of their state business license.

Some cities require that a general contractor also have a city license for the city work is being done in.

The state of Illinois, Department of Professional Regulation, requires that any work being done on any type of roof must be done by someone possessing a roofing license issued by the state.

Make sure they are carrying general liability insurance. If they are not carrying general liability insurance, then you are liable for any mishaps to your home that they may cause.

You may request a certificate of insurance from the contractor. He will contact his insurance agent, and the insurance agent will mail you a certificate of insurance.

Does the contractor carry workers' compensation on their employees? If no workers' compensation is carried, then you are responsible for any injuries that occur on your property.

Do they have a federal tax identification number? If so, that is great. By law, if they are employed by you, you are liable for all taxes and unemployment insurance. If the contractor has a federal tax identification number, then he is liable for any and

all taxes for the employees.

Sign a contract with the contractor. Some may just write down figures on a piece of paper and hand it to the home owner.

Do not just take a verbal contract, a legal agreement, both you the home owner and the contractor have an obligation to the pretent of their contract.

Ask the contractor about getting a building permit. Most jobs require one, while some others do not. You might want to call your local building and zoning office in your town and ask if you will need a permit for the job that is going to be done.

Ask for a lien waiver when the job is completed. Some contractors will put the materials on an account, never to pay for them. If they are not paid for, then you can be held liable to pay the supplier for your materials.

A lien waiver states that you are not responsible for any debts due to the construction on your property.

You have the right to ask to see copies of any documents you feel you may need for proof. Do not just take their word on it; ask for proof.

These hints will lead you in the right direction while choosing the contractor to do work for you.

KATHY STRUBINGER
Edwardsville

Illegals may not want to enter

TO THE EDITOR: Any American citizen hoping or striving for the failure of our nation's presidency, of either party, isn't running on all mental cylinders.

The task of positive and productive leadership of this nation is awesome.

It needs the good will and cooperation of all its citizens.

However, that does not mean whoever occupies the presidency deserves, nor can be permitted, carte blanche approval to dictate the implementation of whatever trial-and-error solutions their fantasies may lead them to propose for dealing with the nation's problems.

It is the intolerable influx of illegal aliens.

Jean Kirkpatrick has wisely pointed out:

"The reason so many people around the world yearn for America is that they see something here which we Americans often lose sight of — because it surrounds us and pervades our society."

"What they see, that we miss (seeing), is our freedom."

Many of the insane solutions to this nation's problems advocated by the Hillary Rodham/Slick Willie "two for the price of one" and the gaggle with whom they surround themselves could put

an end to the illegal alien influx problem, whether intended or not.

Should this flock of socialistic elitist misfeasors succeed in their apparent bent to usurp our "unalienable rights" and redistribute our earnings, savings and property to the detriment of their 43 percent "landslide mandate," the down-trodden around the world may very well decide they will be better off staying where they are.

The illegal alien influx problem will then be solved.

Are you willing to make these sorts of sacrifices for this kind of solution?

Is it right to imply that you will be unpatriotic to recognize and object to being sold a "pig in a poke"?

CECIL MILLER
Glen Carbon

Make effort to keep store open

TO THE EDITOR: I was driving through Fairview Heights the other day looking at all the businesses, the hotels, restaurants, the two new malls in process, H.Q. and Central Hardware among many, many others.

Their population sign posts a proud 14,750 people. That is less than half the size of Granite

City.

So, why are we losing our Central Hardware?

We had a 15-year-old with us and he figured Fairview's Central would close because of competition from Home Quarters.

Carter Lumber closes around 4:30 in the afternoon and 84 Lumber doesn't have the quantity of selection that Central Hardware has.

Central Hardware stays open late, so if there are problems, they are there.

They are open seven days a week.

Their prices are a little higher, but by the time I have driven to Carter or 84 Lumber, I could have just as easily gone to our Central.

Everyone in this town talks about keeping our money in this town.

How can we do that when we lose our biggest business?

This town can spend \$30,000 on a gazebo that isn't necessary, but they don't have the money or know how to help us keep Central.

We wrote letters to convince the (post office company) to bring us Wal-Mart. I sincerely hope others will write to keep Central open.

We do need them or my money will wind up in Fairview Heights.

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Granite City

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Home Pride Awards go to seven more homeowners

Seven area homes have been given Home Pride awards, sponsored by the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Community Pride Committee and Granite City Press-Record.

Home Pride Award winners include Tom Kasproovich, 1548 Johnson Road. His home is the "neatest property on our street," according to the nomination.

James and Joella Harris, 2300 St. Bernard, were nominated because, "Jim has always taken great care of his home and yard. I think it's the best looking in Granite City."

Jim and Phyllis Smith, 2107

Lindell Blvd., also earn high praise from their neighbors.

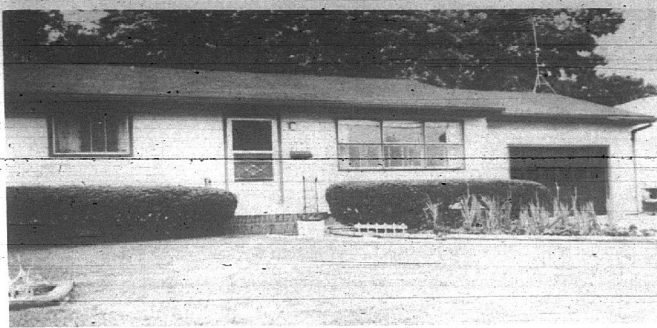
Many improvements have been made to make this a very unique home inside and out. They are antique collectors and have a gas pump by the garage.

Art and Frieda Garbin, 2601 State, have made "great improvements in general by the new owners."

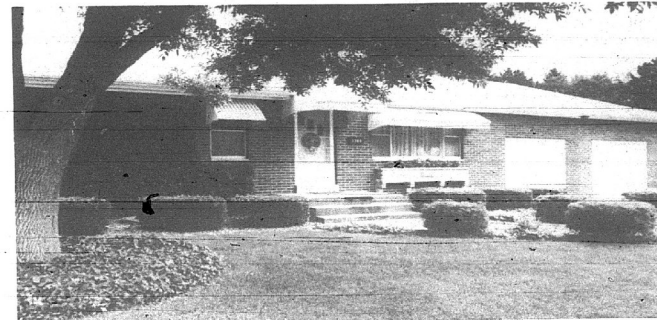
Sandra Sullivan, 2411 Grand, was nominated because the "yard has been made so beautiful from years of hard work. The backyard features a pond and fountain."

Lynn and Faye Hester, 64 Karen Dr., Arlington Heights, were also nominated. "Even though Mr. Hester works a lot of overtime on his job, he keeps his lawn always mowed and neatly trimmed. Mrs. Hester's flowers have been beautiful this spring. They deserve a 'hand' as their pride is evident in the way they maintain their property."

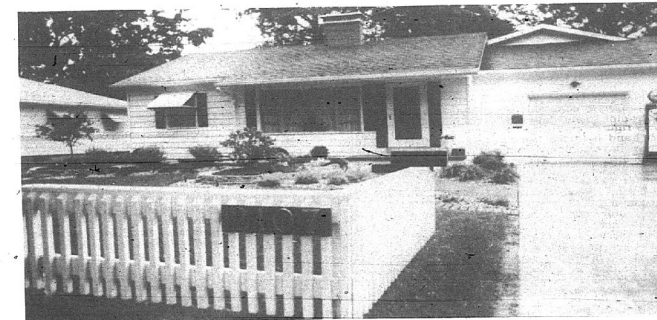
Ron Ely was nominated for the home at 3152 Myrtle. The home has had extensive new landscaping to enhance the looks of the property.



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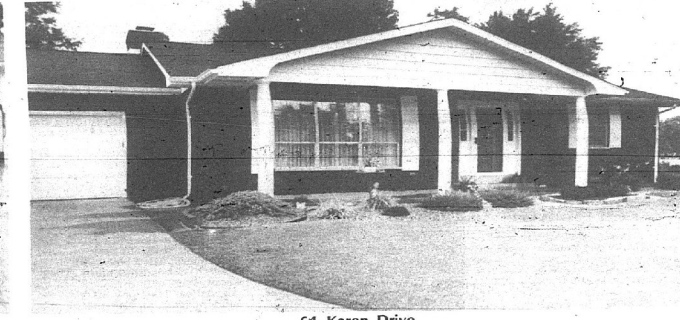
2107 Lindell



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2411 Grand



64 Karen Drive



3152 Myrtle

10th annual North Venice reunion draws from near and far

Maxine Green covers the Granite City and Nantuxi Township area for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 331-8256.

The 10th annual North Venice reunion was held on a recent Sunday afternoon in the Madison Recreation Hall. Many came from far and near and enjoyed the pot luck dinner and spent the afternoon remembering many happy times and things that happened, some going back 50 years or more. Most former residents remember North Venice as one big happy family whose members have moved away and settled in many different states. Out-of-town visitors attending were Gene and Lorraine Baker of Mount Olive, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Abernathy of Marble Hill, Mo.; Lena Thomas Willman, Edith Bradford, and Pauline Barton, all of Edwardsville;

James and Sally Dickerson and Len and Mary (Mood) Whiteside, all of Piedmont, Mo.; Gene Clifton of Flowood, Miss.; Ellene (Smith) Rogers of Zalina, Mo.; Rosetta Cowvey Howell of Belleville; Alen Gant of Collinsville; Janice Kramer of Cahokia; Marilyn Kramer of Sorento, Ill.; Eva Gipson of Huttsville, Ill.; Bernard and Elora Labanosky of Farmington, Mo.; Esther Moad of Jonesboro, Ill.; Modena Leslie of Nonato, Calif.; George and Wilda Clemons of New Hall, Iowa; Ray Arnold of St. Louis; Carol Tucker of O'Fallon; Mildred Herbst of Ferguson; Mel and Louise Ketcham of Effingham; Ann Burris of LaBelle, Mo.; Rocky and Clea Mayes of Colonia, Ill.; Ed Rose of Florence, Texas; Sister Margie Ludden and Don Howard, both of Florissant; Rita Ludden of Maryland Heights; Norma



Maxine Green

Richardson of Hayden, Texas; Tina Cuvar Barton of Bunker Hill; John Ludden of Fairview Heights; Gerrie Becker of Bunker Hill; Joe and Marilee Verdu of Milstadt; Cletus Wheeler and grandson, Todd Lindgren, both of Lakewood, Colo.; Zella Burns of Livingston; Charles Burns of Stanton; Loren and Juanita Robinson and Alvie and Donna Thompson, all of Pannona, Mo.; John Belcoff; Raymond Mikalssyuk; Mildred Boyd; Harold and Charlotte

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On July 10, Pet Round-Up 1993 is being sponsored by the General Pet Co. at our local Wal-Mart. There will be balloons for all kids, door prize drawing, and fun for all. A representative will be on hand to answer all your pet questions on fish, birds, and small animals.

Fort Kaskaska State Park, near Chester, was the scene of the Vickers-McKenzie family reunion on Saturday. Attending

were nine members of the original Vickers family, including Marion Frazier of Percy; Marvin Vickers, Marilyn Kay Anderson, and Marsha Kirkpatrick, all of Granite City; Millie Day of Springfield, Mo.; Mary Lou Fricke and Marlene Eckert, both of Rockwood, Ill.; Millard Vickers of Sparta; and Maida Carson of Ava, Ill. The three members of the McKenzie family are Ruth Catlett and Loran McKenzie, both of Murphysboro; and Carl McKenzie of Alton. Others attending from Granite City were Tina Lyons, Ashley and Whitney Anderson, Jerry, Emily, Timothy, Steven, and Sarah Kirkpatrick, and Opal Vickers and daughter, Laura. Also attending were Wayne Anderson of Rockwood and a lot of cousins.

Horoscope

Your mate may wake up on the wrong side of bed or at least that's the way it looks from your side. Stick to the routine until the moon enters Pisces midday, and you can do a favor for a friend or older person. Research into insurance, finances, security and preventive health therapies yields valuable info. So does finishing up emotional matters; forgiveness is the best way to get free.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't guess at what the boss really meant; ask for clarification. Surround yourself with cheerful, optimistic friends. The future of a love relationship depends upon your adaptability to change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Usually easygoing, you've been pretty intense lately, your mate may need some special recognition for putting up with you. Friendship is a strong support now; contacts may even help you find a job.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Exceptional conditions in the workplace are contributing to your overall career gains, so don't worry, even though you don't know what to expect from day to day. An Aries boosts your confidence.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Health is improving; now's the time to study diet and exercise plans that can help you maintain the glow. Dreams tonight are of faraway places, and perhaps of someone you miss. A Libra leans the way to the future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Love is waiting; don't be too coy, or you may lose someone who could make you happy. An expensive gift from a wooer may have strings attached. The departure of a co-worker may mean promotion for you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 8): Now that relationship complications have been cleared away, you're settling down happily to home and family matters. Some new friends open doors to the future in August and September. Through October and November, love comes first, as you fall hard. In December, stretch the budget to include entertaining; in '94, you're lucky in love and money matters.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have lots of energy today; you're productive and ambitious. Workplace politics can slow you down, unless you operate with extra sensitivity to nearby egos. Friends brighten the evening's doings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Fast associations continue to complicate present activities, but with patience you'll soon be freer, wiser and stronger. His expectations bring out the best in family, so teach the kids to aim high.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Step lightly at work, where your outstanding capabilities are drawing recognition and a little jealousy. Try organizing a family gathering. Yes, that is romantic interest you're seeing from a co-worker.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Good old-fashioned family love is what you need now. Romance is looking for you at home, so at least pick up your messages. A career mentor may not know everything, assert your own judgment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take care with car repairs and legal matters, and you come out ahead. A long-distance caller or in-law is trying to get your goat; just be cool, and all is well. Stimulating news comes about career future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Research into insurance or investment plans is favored, but don't sign anything yet. Work and play won't easily mix, but if you concentrate totally on love this evening, rewards are strong.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Read the instructions on new equipment. You find your intuition isn't as trustworthy as usual. Make a list to sort out the day's many appointed tasks. Interruptions and distractions should be met with a smile.

St. Louis Celebs

Leigh-Anne Wencker

Dancer,
singer



Harry Hamm

Wencker is a member of the singing and dancing ensemble of "Annie Get Your Gun," which runs July 5 through 7 at the Muny in Forest Park.

The show has been on the road since March and is enjoying an open-ended tour now booked through 1994. A Florissant native, Wencker, 32, graduated in 1979 from Lafayette High School in the Rockwood School District. She received a bachelor's degree in dance in 1983 from Webster University and taught dance at the university after earning her degree.

Wencker was a member of the Muny's dancing chorus for eight seasons beginning in 1980. She moved to New York City in 1988, where she landed a role in the national tour of the musical revue "Jerome Robbins' Broadway."

In addition to a long list of regional credits, that have included shows like "A Chorus Line" and "West Side Story," Wencker has appeared the last two years as a cast member of Radio City Music Hall's "Christmas Spectacular."

Wencker is the daughter of Carolyn and Carl Wencker of Chesterfield, who currently lives in New York City. To succeed as a dancer, "You must first have a good training background technically in ballet. It's a must. And if you're going to have a shot at getting something good, you've got to be able to sing and dance. The more talents you have, the better. When it gets down to the final choices, they like people who are good at a lot of things."

When touring with a show, "Sometimes I get discouraged. I miss my family. I miss my friends. I tell myself I'm going to give this another five years and if I don't get a good part in a Broadway show, I'm calling it quits. I've given it my best. It's been satisfying. It's even lucrative, sometimes. And dancing on Broadway is my dream. But often I think I wouldn't mind having a more normal life."

Making of 'Firm' a challenge to director

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

Problems about star billing between "The Firm" headliners Tom Cruise and Gene Hackman were just a small part of what made this film adaptation of John Grisham's popular novel such a headache, says the film's director, Sidney Pollack.

Both Cruise and Hackman were used to getting their names listed above the titles of their movies. However, the two-time Oscar-winning Hackman felt he shouldn't have to share that prestige perk with the younger, non-Oscar-winning Cruise.

Cruise, 31, wouldn't defer to the 62-year-old Hackman. Hackman asked that his name be left off the film's opening credits altogether.

Next there was the problem with the script. The finished screenplay shows screen-writing credits to three people, David Rabe, Robert Towne and David Rayfiel. Director Pollack says before that script was accepted, there were several versions commissioned, including two efforts by screenwriters Rabe and Dan

Pyne, that were deemed unacceptable.

"I was always wild about the book, but when I first read it I knew we had a big problem," Pollack said. "To get everything that was in the book into the movie, we would have had to make a five-hour movie."

So we made some decisions to cut and change things for the film version, especially in the second half of the story," he said. "We still still deal with a movie that's two and a half hours long, approximately. But

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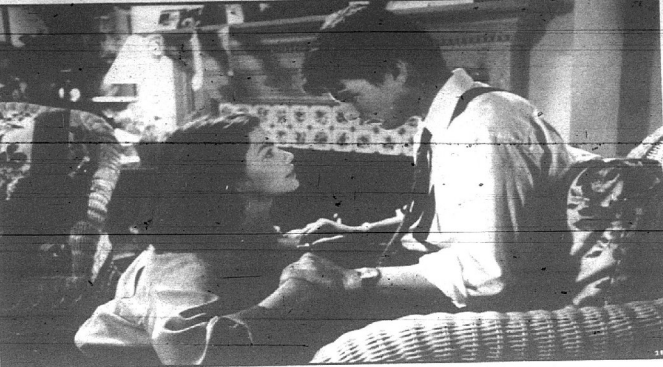
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Town gets 'Firm' benefits from filming

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

St. Louis gradually is becoming the sight for more and more feature films. But when compared to some of our neighboring cities, we've got a long way to go.

"King of the Hill" was the last major motion picture filmed here. It will be released later this summer. Some other films shot wholly or partially in our town include "White Palace" in 1990, "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" in 1987, and "Escape From New York" in 1981.

That last title may hold the record for spending the most money in St. Louis. According to director John Carpenter, the film's budget projected \$8 million for scenes shot here.

However, St. Louis' financial benefits from Hollywood can't measure up to what happened recently in Memphis when "The Firm" came to town.

The film shot for an unusually long time in Memphis (77 days) with additional local filming in the Cayman Islands, Washington, D.C., and Boston. Industry sources estimate "The Firm" spent at least \$25 million of its projected \$55 million budget in Memphis. More than 1,500 local extras were hired, including at least one attorney from almost

characters are stereotypes. My advice? Wait for the video or, better yet, read the book if you haven't already.

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Obituaries

Bessie Milton

Bessie M. (Cline) Milton, 94, of Godfrey, formerly of Granite City, died at 10:10 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, 1993, at D'Adrian Nursing Home, Godfrey, after a six-year illness.

Born in Stewart County, Tenn., she resided in Granite City for 60 years until moving to Godfrey six years ago.

She was a homemaker and a member of Niederrhous United Methodist Church, Granite City. She was a former member of Eastern Star Chapter 626, Granite City, and the International Garment Workers union, where she was a shop steward.

Survivors include one daughter, Norma Lawson of Hartford, 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Silas Milton, whom she married in Stewart County and who died in 1976, two sons, Odell Milton and Elmer Milton; one daughter, Wanda LeMasters; her parents, Alex and Nellie (McCoy) Cline; four brothers and five sisters.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. today at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Fred Winters officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

Memorials are requested for the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Albert Scrivner

Albert Scrivner, 80, of Belleville died Friday, July 2, 1993, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville.

He founded A's Automotive Supply in 1954 with his wife, Lavonia, by opening a store in East St. Louis. Currently, A's has four locations, in Belleville, Cahokia, Granite City and Washington Park. Before going into business, he worked for the Nickel Plate Railroad.

Mr. Scrivner was a member of Union Methodist Church in Belleville and the American Legion and Masons, he served in the U.S. Army in World War II.

Survivors include three sons, James and David Scrivner, both of O'Fallon, and Albert L. Moschell of Miami; one daughter, Lois Voight of Ronner Springs, Kan.; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lavonia (Hess) Scrivner; his parents, John and Viola (Gentle) Scrivner; one brother, Clarence Scrivner; and one sister, Mabel Knisley.

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Edwin Reynolds

Edwin G. Reynolds, 83, of Granite City died after a nine-year illness at Irwin Chapel, 3989 Madison, Sunday, July 5, 1993, at Colonial Care Center, where he had resided for six years.

Born June 27, 1910, in Trigg County Ky., he had lived in Granite City since 1957. He retired in 1960 after 29 years as an employee of the Hot Strip Department of Granite City Steel.

He was a member of St. John United Church of Christ and Moose Lodge 272.

Survivors include his daughter, Janice Zinn of Venice, Fla.; one sister, Beatrice Hughes of Missouri; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mabel (Anderson) Reynolds, and his parents, Walter and Myrtle Reynolds.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel, 3989 Madison Road, Granite City, 931-8000. Burial will be at Lutheran Cemetery, Collinsville.

Memorials are suggested for St. John United Church of Christ, Granite City.

John Pavlov Jr.

John N. Pavlov Jr., 51, of Granite City died at 4:10 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, 1993, at St. Louis University Hospital after a two-month illness.

He was born Feb. 18, 1942, in Madison, where he had been a lifetime resident.

He was employed at the Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Antoinette "Toni" (Plantz) Pavlov, whom he married June 13, 1970, in Madison; two daughters, Sally Pavlov and Christina Pavlov, both at home; two brothers, Nicholas Pavlov of Glen Carbon and Raymond Pavlov of Pennsylvania; and his parents, John N. Sr. and Sally (Kmieciak) Pavlov of Madison.

Visitation is set for 5 to 8 p.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 3989 Madison Road, Granite City. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 2300 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Robert McGraw officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Carissa Nance

Carissa Hailey Nance of Waterloo was stillborn June 17, 1993, at St. John's Mercy Hospital, St. Louis.

Survivors include her parents, David and Jill Nance of Waterloo; one brother, David G. Nance of Atlanta; two sisters, Brittany Gunn and Bethany Gunn, both of Waterloo; paternal grandparents, Howard and Cora Nance of Granite City; maternal grandparents, Pete and Jean Posey of Waterloo; and a great-grandmother, Bessie Duffield of Waterloo.

Services were held at Quenheim Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Roger Crawford officiating.

Churches to convene downtown

Granite City will be represented at "Partners for the Glory of God," the July 15-20 meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Convention Center in St. Louis.

More than 10,000 persons are expected for a historic common worship service at the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ.

They study and together for Bible study, worship and one shared business session. Other business sessions will be separate.

Keynote speakers at the assembly will be Pauline Webb, British Methodist lay preacher and former British Broadcasting Corp. executive for Desmond Tutu, Anglican church, Cape Town, South Africa; and James P. Goss, pastor, Riverside Church, New York.

Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road, Granite City, will have a guest speaker for Sunday morning worship service, July 18, at 9:45. Fran Craddock, immediate past first vice moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), from Indianapolis, will speak.

She and her husband, James R. Craddock, served Central Christian Church from 1957 to 1970 and would enjoy seeing friends.

The church will also have as its guests a group of "bikers" who are bicycling across country from Nebraska to the Assembly, raising funds for the Reconciliation (inner city) program of the Christian Church.

At Mercer Mortuary, Granite City. At his request, his remains were cremated. Memorials to American Cancer Association.

RITCHIE, John H., 95, of Granite City died at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 4, 1993, at home. Services were held Wednesday at Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Fred Boatright. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

KMUCHA, Dorris, 75, of Madison died at 10:30 p.m. Friday, July 2, 1993, at Eldon Health Care Center, Eldon. Mo. Visitation was held Monday at Lahey-Sedlak Funeral Home, Madison. Services were held Tuesday at Wesley Methodist Church, Percy, Ill., with burial at Percy.

NELSON, William Stanley Jr., 22, of Granite City died at 7:11 p.m. Friday, July 2, 1993, at home. Services were held Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Phillip Lynn. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

PADGETT, Theresa Marie (Guitler), 60, of Granite City was killed at 11 p.m. Saturday, July 3, 1993, in a traffic accident on Pershall Road in north St. Louis County. Services were held Wednesday at Hutchens Mortuary, Florissant, Mo. Burial was at St. Ferdinand Cemetery.

PEARSON, R. Kathleen (Bovine), 70, of Caseyville died at 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, 1993, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville. Services were held Saturday at Kasky Colonial Mortuary, Fairview Heights, by the Rev. Bill Fox. Burial was at Mount Hope Cemetery, Belleville.

RICHMOND, Hubert, 74, of Granite City died at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, 1993, at home. Visitation was held Friday

No new clues in search

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Maryville police have no new leads in Saturday's disappearance of a 55-year-old woman from a care center.

"We're concentrating our efforts that she went across the river," Maryville Police Chief Don Sonnenberg said Wednesday.

Sonnenberg said at least one person reported seeing Arlene C. Edwards at a bus stop Saturday where area residents could get free shuttle service to the P. Fair in downtown St. Louis.

Sonnenberg said that bloodhounds used in an attempt to track Edwards seem to confirm that report.

It doesn't do us any good at all — it just creates more of a problem," Sonnenberg said of the fact that the woman may now be somewhere in Missouri. "She could just fall into a group of homeless over there and who would know?"

Several area canine units, including ones from the Illinois State Police, have been involved in several searches in Maryville since Saturday, Sonnenberg said.

Sonnenberg said Edwards, who suffers from Alzheimer's Disease, is "virtually a child in an adult's body."

Edwards, a Maryville resident, had resided in Elmwood Health Care Center in the village for 11 years before she apparently walked away from the facility, Sonnenberg said.

Edwards is 5 feet, 11 inches tall and weighs about 167 pounds. She has brown hair, blue eyes and wears glasses, Sonnenberg said.

When she disappeared, Edwards was wearing a white, short-sleeved shirt with a blue floral design around the collar, gray jeans and gray tennis shoes, Sonnenberg said.

"She doesn't have any identification on her other than a Medic Alert necklace," Sonnenberg said. "That doesn't even have her name on it."

Sonnenberg said he was unsure what illness the necklace indicated but thought that it might be Alzheimer's. He said it is unlikely that Edwards would be able to identify herself to others. "It's really terrible but I do know that else we can do," he said Wednesday.

Anyone with any information about Edwards is asked to call the Maryville police at 344-2191. An Elmwood official declined comment Wednesday.

Recycling of containers for pesticide

Area agricultural users can take used plastic pesticide containers for recycling.

Collection of the used containers will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 19 at Bergmann-Taylor Inc., St. Jacob.

The collection program is sponsored by the Agricultural Container Research Council, Cole Grower Service, Grower Service Corporation, Illinois Department of Agriculture, and the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association.

The recycling effort will protect the environment, conserve landfill space, and preserve resources that would otherwise be wasted.

Only clean, dry containers will be accepted through the program.

Participants should rinse the containers thoroughly, preferably at the time of application, and remove all booklets, labels, and foil seals. The containers can be rinsed carefully once using a high pressure nozzle on the end of a hose or rinsed three times with water.

Water used to rinse the containers can be added directly to the spray tank. The process ensures producers use all the pesticides in the container and eliminates the need to store and dispose of the waste water.

Illinois Agriculture Department officials will inspect containers as they are collected.

The officials will then work with industry to ensure the containers are ground properly and to help find uses for the plastic. Possibilities include use of the granulated plastic in the manufacture of pesticide containers, fence post, or pallets.

Questions about the pesticides container recycling program can call the Illinois Department of Agriculture, 217-783-2427, or call Bergmann-Taylor, 624-5822.

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The youth choir in "Music Under the Stars" includes, front row, from left, Cally Laughlin, Hussein Mohsen, Ayat Mohsen, Julia Lane, Amanda Marti, Andrew Marti, Sarah Kromal, Chrissy Webb, Emily Vance and Tara Webb; back row, from left, Renee Cortez, Chassan Mohsen, Felicia Mohsen, Ismahan Mohsen and Elizabeth Quigley.

Choral concert tonight

The last "Music Under the Stars" concert of the season will be held at 8 p.m. today, July 8, in Wilson Park, 27th Street and Delmar Avenue.

In case of rain, the concert will be held in the ice skating rink. The concert features an adult chorus, youth chorus and soloists. Members of the Granite City Summerstage theatrical group will perform musical selections from "The Music Man."

Crack arrest in Collinsville

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

A Wisconsin man was in jail Wednesday after Collinsville Police made the largest crack cocaine bust in department history on Monday.

Robert Reed, 26, of Beloit, Wis., was arrested on Monday after police found 65 grams of crack cocaine in his car. Sgt. Dan Nemeteyer said the cocaine has a street value of about \$250,000.

From what we can tell, this is the biggest crack arrest we've had in Nemeteyer said.

Reed was charged on Tuesday with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance.

He was taken to the Madison County Jail on Wednesday in lieu of \$250,000 bond.

Officer Chuck Mackin stopped Reed's vehicle at 9:30 a.m. Monday at Hojo Inn, 301 N. Bluff, because the car had no front license plate. A computer check revealed that Reed was driving on a suspended license, and he was arrested.

After police found drug paraphernalia in the car during an inventory, Illinois State Police canine unit was called in.

The dog indicated the presence of drugs in a satchel, where police located the crack, Nemeteyer said.

"It was a 'can safe' — a hollowed out can with a removable body made to look like an ordinary canned product."

•Suit

(Continued from Page 1A)

think that if someone was taking a big chunk of money out of your pocket you'd be willing to talk?" Grzywacz asked Nighossian.

Nighossian smiled, but did not answer.

It either or both state's attorneys decline to file suit at the city's request, Nighossian said the city can then pursue its own suit.

Once a lawsuit is filed by anyone, he said, the state can be requested to place all of the challenged city's portion of the sales tax in escrow.

"Which is what's been done to (Madison)," Nighossian said. Nighossian said the current suit is still progressing through the system and that it may drag on for a long time.

"The chances are that if they lose they will appeal," he said. "And if we lose, we will appeal."

"So, unless a court of settlement is worked out, I don't see it ending anytime soon."

•Couple heads for Alaska

Although their story is hardly like the popular network television show *Northern Exposure*, Matt Mueller and Shelly Mueller, both graduates from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville recently, two hours later got married and then headed for Alaska two days later to begin a new life together.

But, their story could be like the television show. After all, Mueller has already been chased by a moose, and has also seen moose often walking the streets of Anchorage, where they were dogs or cats, he said.

"We decided that living in Alaska would be a real adventure," Mueller said. "We wanted to try something totally different, something exciting."

Mueller, who is employed by Lounsbury and Associates, a consulting civil engineering firm and surveyors in Anchorage, graduated from SIUE with a bachelor of science in civil engineering.

He is a junior engineer with the firm, creating basic designs for senior engineers.

Shelly Mueller received a bachelor of science in electrical engineering and is hoping to find work in it around Anchorage with one of the many power companies in the region. "I'd like to work with setting up power substations or in power distribution," she said.

Although scheduling was tight, the wedding was set for 5:30 p.m. depending on their ability to stay in time — the hectic day went without two many hitches.

"I told everyone to be flexible and the wedding would be fine," Shelly Mueller said.

The two are outdoor types, so living in Alaska really has its appeal.

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Clarence and Helen Ridenour 1943 and 1993



Mr. and Mrs. Dana Toussaint

Rosa D. Peralez, daughter of Armin and Luisa Lix of Granite City, and Dana E. Toussaint, son of Harold E. and Joyce Toussaint of Granite City, were married Dec. 26, 1992, at Bethesda Baptist Church in Granite City. The Rev. Luther Abbott conducted the ceremony.

The matron of honor was Sally Toussaint of Granite City, sister-in-law of the groom.

The best man was Darryl R. Toussaint, brother of the groom. The flower girl was Sunny

Toussaint - Peralez

Samantha Bolt, daughter of the bride.

Ringbearers were Brad Bolt and John Puhl, Jr., sons of the bride.

The ushers were Darryl Toussaint, Victor Peralez and Becky O'Sha, all of Granite City.

The bride is a graduate of Granite City High School North and was employed at Pepsi Corp. in St. Louis as a food ser-

vice clerk.

The groom is a graduate of Granite City High School South and is a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps.

A reception was held at the Bethesda Baptist Church. Following a honeymoon in St. Louis, they are living in Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif.

Ridenour - 50 Years

Clarence and Helen Ridenour will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary July 11, 1993, at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Lois and Bob Davis, in Troy. Along with them, it will be hosted by Jim Ridenour and Gary and Kathy Ridenour.

Mr. Ridenour and the former Helen Bauza were married July 11, 1943, at St. Joseph's Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Jordan.

He is retired from Granite City Steel, where he worked for 31 years. She is retired from R. Lang Inc.

They have three children, Jim Ridenour and Gary Ridenour, both of Granite City, and Lois Davis of Troy.

There are five grandchildren.

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Sports

Southern men's soccer team gunning for gold again

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

Armed once more with some of the best talent to ever come out of the Metro East area, the Southern Region open men's soccer team will be playing for its fourth straight gold medal this weekend at the Prairie State Games.

Southern will be led by Mark Schwarzkopf, the Edwardsville High soccer coach, when pool play kicks off Friday in Champaign at the University of Illinois. He is taking over for David Paz.

Schwarzkopf, a resident of Granite City, "This team is a composite of some of the East Side's best high school products ever. We're stacked."

Southern's team is made up mostly of players who are either in college or are finished with college careers.

Among the top players on the team are goalkeeper Ed L'Hommiedieu of O'Fallon and Joe Reiniger of Collinsville, a midfielder currently playing at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

L'Hommiedieu will be entering his senior year at St. Louis University in the fall as the team's top returning keeper.

"I would argue with anybody



Schwarzkopf Birdsong
that he is the best goalkeeper ever produced from the East Side," Schwarzkopf said. "He's that good."

"AS A FIELD player, (Reiniger) is the best to come out of

this area. He's obviously going to be one of our best finishers."

Reiniger's brother, Rich, is also on the team. Rich Reiniger plays at McKendree College.

Joe Reiniger will be complemented by another exceptional field player, Simon Weiss, a midfielder from Highland, plays at North Carolina State.

"He's arguably the second-best product from this area," Schwarzkopf said. "He and Reiniger are very close in ability. He's just an outstanding player."

Two other key threats for Southern will be Collinsville's Steve Van Dyke, now playing at Eastern Illinois University, and Scott Marty, one of SIUE's lead-

ing offensive players. They're both very accomplished scorers," Schwarzkopf said.

Other offensive-minded players include two National Junior College Athletic Association All-Americans from Lewis and Clark: Granite City's Skip Birdsong and Jamie Phillips, who came out of Civic Memorial High School in Bethalto.

THE ROSTER INCLUDES three other Granite City players — Curt Kessler, a first-year player from Quincy College; Jason Mathenia, a fullback; and Jerry Lakin, a midfielder. (See SOUTHERN, Page 2B)

Section B

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1993
GRANITE CITY PRESS-RECORD

Schedule

Thursday, July 8	BASEBALL: Tri-City Junior Triplets at Cahokia, 7 p.m.
Friday, July 9	SWIMMING: Summerhaven at Granite City Paddlers, 5 p.m.
Friday, July 9	BASEBALL: Bethalto at Tri-City Triplets, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, July 9	BASEBALL: Tri-City Junior Triplets at Alton, 7 p.m.
Friday, July 9	MON-CLAIR BASEBALL: Granite City at East Alton (HS), 1:30 p.m.
Monday, July 12	BASEBALL: Tri-City Junior Triplets at Belleville, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, July 13	SWIMMING: Paddlers at Summerhaven, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, July 13	BASEBALL: Collinsville at Tri-City Triplets, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 14	BASEBALL: Edwardsville at Tri-City Triplets, 7:30 p.m.

Rainy weather interrupts schedule for red-hot Post 113 Legion squads

Rain forced the postponement of games for the Tri-City Triplets and Junior Triplets on Wednesday.

The Triplets, who were scheduled to play at O'Fallon, will play a home game against Bethalto on Friday. Weather permitting, the Junior Triplets

will play at 7 p.m. tonight at Cahokia. The Junior Triplets were scheduled to play Edwardsville on Wednesday.

The Triplets, 16-2, will be going for their sixth straight win Friday. The Junior Triplets are 14-3. Both teams are in first place in District 22 play.

Bishop takes over lead with two wins at Tri-City

By Steve Birmingham
Correspondent

Todd Bishop swept both 360 Sprint features Saturday at Tri-City Speedway and raced to the front in total Clark Oil Racing Series feature wins.

Bishop's sweep gives him seven main event wins in 1993. Follow 360 Sprint ace Tommy Scott and Allied Auto Racing Association (AARA) Limited Sportsman chauffeur Bobby Bittle both garnered number six on June 26.

CHUCK SCHLOSSER jumped into the early lead in the first 360 main with Bishop hot on his heels. They ran and hit, putting a full straightaway lead on the rest of the field. They stayed that way until the last 100 feet, when Bishop swept around Schlosser under the checkers. Tommy Mikels, Burch Nuttall and Jeff Galas trailed.

Bishop needed every lap to work his way back to the lead. Nuttall led going into turn one but Randy Bateman led coming out of two in the second 360 main. Bateman could only hold the lead for one lap as Nuttall

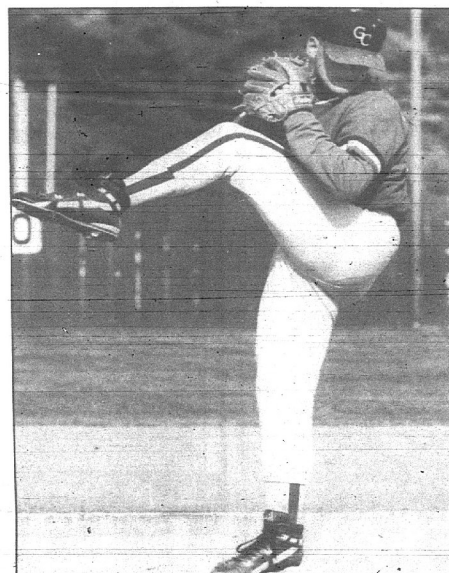
reasserted himself and took it back. He held on until Bateman struck the wall in turn three, bringing out the caution flag.

Nuttall took off when the race resumed, but Bishop had closed the gap. Coming out of turn four for the checkered flag, Bishop passed Nuttall, they touched, and Bishop got the win while Nuttall turned upside down. He escaped unhurt.

IN THE AARA Modified feature, Bob Minor led for 13 laps until John Baur took the lead away. A Rookie Of The Year candidate, Baur could only hold the lead for one lap. Tim Batajczyk wrestled the top spot away from Baur exiting turn four and breezed to the win.

Bobby Martinelli just missed a sweep in AARA Limited Sportsman action, taking the honors in the trophy dash and feature while finishing second in his heat. Bittle's bid for number seven fell short as he finished second in the main. Bob Novy came home third.

Rick Michels won his third AARA Street Stock feature over (See TRI-CITY, Page 3B)



Tri-City pitcher Joe Rieser has signed to play at Kaskaskia College.

Start to close

Kaskaskia bound Rieser finds relief in role with Triplets

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

The use of Joe Rieser in short relief has been a good mix for the Tri-City Post 113 Triplets. The conversation may become complete next fall when Rieser takes the mound for Kaskaskia Junior College.

Rieser, who went 14-3 over two seasons as a starting pitcher with the Warrior baseball team, has been used exclusively as a reliever by the Triplets this summer. Tri-City manager Gus Lignoul, the Warrior pitching coach, suggested the switch before the summer began.

KASKASKIA COACH Larry Smith says Rieser in the same role.

"We're kind of leaning toward that route," Smith said. "I don't know how Joe's arm will respond, but this summer will tell. He just has to learn to go after people, and I think he's going to get better."

Rieser, who signed with Kaskaskia in June, has adjusted well to the short game. He is looking forward to attending the Division I National Junior College Athletic Association school, which is located in Centerville, Mo.

"I'm real excited," Rieser said. "It sounded like a sure thing that I will be playing. (Smith) told me that he will probably use me as a reliever."

Before the summer began,

Rieser gave little thought to short relief. But his approach to the game has changed dramatically.

BECAUSE OF THE unseasonable weather this spring, Rieser's schedule was thrown out of whack. He and fellow senior Ben Hicks had a tough time establishing consistency, and it showed in some of their starts.

With the Triplets, Rieser has been able to throw in nearly every game. His arm has benefited, he said.

"I had no idea I would find this role," Rieser said. "They said it would make me a stronger person and a stronger pitcher."

"If I throw a lot, my arm stays loose and it doesn't stiffen up on me."

Lignoul's experiment has paid off for the Triplets, who have put together a 16-2 record. The starting rotation of Hicks, Corey Dickerson, Jeff Ridenour and Mark Winfield has dominated the opposition.

AFTER FACING ANY one of those four pitchers, hitters usually have a tough time when the hard-throwing Rieser takes the hill.

"That gives us four quality starters, and Joe has the ability to come in late," Lignoul said. "I think both of them will be good for him. He's the kind of kid who can throw every day. He's

(See RIESER, Page 2B)

Southern women seeking title

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

The Southern Region open women's soccer team will enter the Prairie State Games this weekend with several key players back from last year, most of whom are determined to improve on a third-place showing the past three years.

"ONE OF THOSE players, Terry Schuler, has been with the team for the better part of its 10-year existence. Schuler is serving as Southern's assistant coach, and Eric Mitchell — her fiancée — has taken over the head spot from Ruben Mendoza.

Both are eager to break North Shore's stronghold on the gold beginning Friday in Champaign at the University of Illinois. Schuler is from Granite City and Mitchell is from Collinsville, a reflection of the makeup of the rest of the team.

Schuler, in particular, hopes this could be the year.

"We should have won it the past three years," Schuler said. "We just didn't get it done. I think we've got a good shot. We've got a lot of college players out this year."

SOUTHERN HOPES to get the chance to play North Shore. Last year, Southern went 2-1 in pool play after losing 1-0 to Pio-



Jennifer Harper (left), now at Florissant Valley Community College, is set to return to Champaign for the Prairie State Games.

neer and did not advance to the title game.

Another key hope is scoring more goals, which serves to break any ties teams might encounter in pool play. Southern has won two gold medals and two silver medals over the past decade.

"Our main goal is to get past (North Shore)," Mitchell said. "We also need to score more goals. I learned that from last year."

"We have a more experi-

enced team this year, which kind of helps. I think we should be able to handle anything that comes at us."

MOST OF Southern's players are from Granite City and Collinsville. The players from Granite City are Schuler, Angie Moore, Ann Szczepanski, Jennifer Harper and Tia Rees. Except Szczepanski, each is a veteran of the Prairie State Games. Schuler began playing (See WOMEN, Page 2B)

Southern women's spikers turning to youth

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

A year ago, the Southern Region scholastic women's volleyball team was supposed to contend for a gold medal at the Prairie State Games. Instead, it finished last among eight teams.

WITH A NEW coach and a new group of players, the outlook is uncertain for this year's effort. I've played in the Prairie State Games before and I know how tough the competition is. It has some of the best athletes in the state."

The only recent graduates on the team are Angie Lay from Althoff and Adrienne Davis from East St. Louis.

"Angie will be our main setter

two seasons at Belleville Area College. She will play this fall at Mercer University, a Division I school in Macon, Ga.

"We haven't had much chance to practice yet," said Henken, who also coaches a 14-under team for the Volleyball Training Network. "It's so hard to find a gym around here."

"I JUST HOPE we can be competitive and give our best effort. I've played in the Prairie State Games before and I know how tough the competition is. It has some of the best athletes in the state."

The only recent graduates on the team are Angie Lay from Althoff and Adrienne Davis from East St. Louis.

"Angie will be our main setter

if we use a 5-1 offense," Henken said. "She's going to BAC."

"Adrienne really impressed me in the middle, as did Amie Heuring from Freeburg."

TWO OTHER players from Althoff, Melissa Friedrich and Jessi Hustedde, also made the squad. Both girls will be seniors.

"Melissa will be an outside hitter," Henken said. "Jessi will be our second setter if we use a 6-2 offense or the backup to Angie if we use a 5-1."

Amy Henken — the coach's sister — made the team as a hitter.

"It was a really hard decision for me to make. But she's the only thing she lacks is experience," Carrie Henken said. "I'm

(See SPIKERS, Page 3B)

Returnees give scholastic men hopes for medal

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

After a 3-2 record and a fifth-place finish in last year's Prairie State Games, Southern Region coach Marvin Hayden has set a higher goal for his scholastic men's volleyball team.

"I feel real confident," said Hayden, in his third year with the scholastic men's squad after two years with the open women. "I'll be disappointed if we're not playing for a gold medal."

THE SOUTHERN Region returns most of its players from last year, when it was one of the

youngest teams in the eight-region tournament. Standout players include:

Setter Marty Busekrus (Belleville East).

Middle hitter Chris Koudelka (Belleville West).

Outside hitter Kenny Sheehan (O'Fallon).

Outside hitter Larry Schmidt (Belleville West).

Middle hitter Clint Woodrow (Grayville).

"MARTY CAN ALSO hit from the outside if need be," Hayden said. "Marty is quite a powerful middle hitter. He's going to raise some eyebrows up there (in

Champaign)."

Other returning players are outside hitter Ryan Von Feldt (a Collinsville resident who attends Althoff High School) and defensive specialist Jay Hoover (Lebanon).

Newcomers are outside hitters Mike Paul and Gary Fetter from Belleville East.

TEAMS IN THE Southern Region's pool are West Central, Windy City and Pioneer. According to Hayden, West Central doesn't have enough players for a team, but could avoid forfeits if it can obtain enough extra players from other regions.

Trivial matters

- When was the last time the Cardinals made a trade with the Chicago Cubs? What players were involved?
 - The first pitcher to gain no-hit fame in the IHSAA Class A boys state high school baseball tournament was a right-hander from New Athens. What was his name? (a) Whitely Herzog, (b) Larry Stahl or (c) Ken Four.
- Answers at right.

Community Sports Calendar

Soccer coaching workshops
Openings remain in a workshop to be held July 17 and Aug. 14 at SIUE to prepare individuals for an Illinois Senior Soccer Association Class "F" coaching license. The workshop, to be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day, will be in Room 2003 of the Vandalia Center. Cost is \$40.

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For more information, call 602-3210, ext. 3210.

Coming up

"Five Aces"
Ben Hicks (left) and the rest of the Tri-City Post 113 pitching staff will be featured Sunday.

Trivia Answers
1. On Dec. 2, 1980, the Cards acquired Bruce Sutter from the Cubs for Lyon Durham, Ken Reitz and Ty Wailar.
2. Four pitched a 12-0 no-hitter over Granville in the 1978 state quarterfinals.

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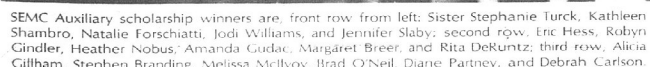
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First place: City Sister Stephanie Turek, administration; Diane Rose Partney, nursing; and David J. Harsanyi, nursing.

Second place: Amanda C. Gudac, clinical pharmacy; Heather L. Nobus, physical therapy; and Jennifer C. Hess, clinical pharmacy.

Third place: speech pathology, Alicia R. Gillham, nursing, Kathleen A. Shambro, speech pathology, and Jennifer L. Todd, nursing.

Fourth place: Aaron Todd Miller, physician; Brad M. O'Neil, physician; and Jennifer C. Hess, clinical pharmacy.

Fifth place: Natalie Forciatt, nursing; and Susan E. Ford, nursing.

Sixth place: Margaret Breer, physical therapy; and Jennifer C. Hess, clinical pharmacy.

Seventh place: Robyn R. Gindler, pediatric occupational therapy.

Eighth place: Debrah S. Carlson, nursing; and Jennifer L. Slaby, physical therapy.

Nine place: Jennifer C. Hess, clinical pharmacy.

There were 10 new recipients this year. Each scholarship is given annually on a one-time renewable basis, contingent upon current grade point average and

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